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5. [redacted] Accompanied Jack Iams, Comptroller, to a briefing session on the FY 76 budget for Guy McConnell, Senate Appropriations Committee staff. The session went very well. (See Memorandum for the Record for items which seemed to be of particular interest.)

During the session, Jim Calloway, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, dropped in and indicated that the Director's meeting with the Intelligence Operations Subcommittee had been moved from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. [redacted] was advised. McConnell also advised that they did not expect the session to go beyond 12:00 thereby not interfering with the Director's 12:30 appointment.

6. [redacted] Trish Pearson, Caseworker, in the office of Representative John Rousselot (R., Calif.), called to determine if the news items concerning the Agency's efforts for recovery at sea in any way involved a sea plane owned by Howard Hughes. I referred her to the recent news items concerning the latter subject which apparently cleared up her confusion.

7. [redacted] I talked to Wilma Lehman on the Planning Staff of the Civil Service Commission who is frantically trying to rally the Executive Branch in opposing H. R. 1674. She kicked off with a very emotional appeal, "Won't you please get on the bandwagon so that we can defeat this bill." She urged that we get a report to the committee as soon as possible expressing our opposition to the bill on the grounds that it would interfere with effective personnel management. I told her that we had some special problems with the bill because of our statutory authorities and unique mission that we would be addressing in our report to the committee. She said that she understood this, but that she hoped that we could argue against the bill on more general personnel management grounds as well.

8. [redacted] I talked to Hilda Schriber at OMB who has the action on H. R. 1674. [redacted] had already sent over to her our proposed comments to the committee. She said she had problems with our draft because we nowhere state our opposition to H. R. 1674 in general terms, and that she would not approve the report unless we did insert some statement expressing opposition to the bill on the grounds that it would seriously undermine personnel management. She said she completely understands and accepts our parochial arguments against the bill and that she has no objections to our asking for an exemption. However, she was adamant in her insistence that we expressly state our opposition to the bill. I told her I would get back to her, and after reviewing language with Mr. Cary, I phoned her back and read a revised paragraph to her. This met her objections and she approved the report.

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OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

TO OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET STAFF

FROM: The Director

SUBJECT: Appointment of Assistant Director for  
Legislative Reference

I am pleased to announce the appointment of James M. Frey as Assistant Director for Legislative Reference, effective April 14, 1975 (Room 262, ext. 4864). Mr. Frey replaces Mr. Wilfred Rommel who has retired. Since 1970, Mr. Frey has been serving as the Deputy Associate Director for International Affairs.

Mr. Frey began his Federal service in 1954 as a summer employee in the Bureau of the Budget in the Legislative Reference Division. During the summer of 1955 he worked in the Budget Review Division. In 1956 he became a full-time budget examiner in the Labor Welfare Division. In 1960 he was assigned to the Government Organization Branch. Mr. Frey went to the National Security Council in 1962 where he worked until 1964 when he transferred to the State Department. He returned to the Bureau of the Budget in 1965 as Deputy Chief of the International Division, moving in 1966 to become Deputy Chief of the Legislative Reference Division. In 1969 he was named Executive Assistant to the Director, and in 1970 he assumed his present position.

Mr. Frey received an AB from Harvard in 1954 and an MBA from Harvard in 1956. He is the recipient of the Bureau of the Budget Professional Achievement Award (1960), and the William A. Jump Memorial Foundation Meritorious Award (1968).

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PLEASE NOTE: It is requested that you continue to address mail for the Legislative Reference Division as indicated in Mr. Hyde's memo of March 27, 1975.